

TROOP 6000 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Troop 6000’s Newsletter. You’ll find shout outs to our dedicated leaders, past and upcoming events, Girl Scout trivia, and a Who to Contact reminder. Onward!

Past Events & Trips

February, 23rd, 2019 - World Thinking Day: Girls researched and learned about world cultures, including girls’ and women’s lifestyles. Activities included country presentations, performances, discussions, and international food. Thank you troop leaders for guiding them through their projects!



World Thinking Day

Kellogg’s Cookie Sale



April 22 - 27, 2019 - For the second year in a row, Troop 6000 held its annual Cookie Sale in partnership with the Kellogg’s store in Union Square. Girls managed four different stations, including marketing, welcoming customers, order fulfillment, and operating credit card technology. The sale ended with a “Cookieology” event hosted by Little Brownie Baker’s. Girls created their own Girl Scout cookie and learned about different careers available in the food sciences industry.



Bowling Trip

May 5, 2019 - Troop 6000 moms had the opportunity to start May off with a new look made possible by The United Luz Foundation. Moms participated in makeovers, a photo shoot, catered lunch, and a self-care workshop while kids enjoyed a variety of fun Mother’s Day-themed arts & crafts.



Mother’s Day Makeovers

May 11, 2019 - Troop 6000’s Flatbush contingent took to the bowling lanes to score big and have a great time while they were at it! Striiiiikkkeee!

Did you Know?

Girl Scouting provides girls with enrichment and mentoring that can play a critical role in their growth and development at school and throughout life. Quality programming helps support social and emotional growth, helping children to grow into healthier and more economically sufficient adults.



What to do this Summer?

#FeelsLikeaGirlScoutSummer

How about a Girl Scout Camp?

Troop 6000 Family Day at Camp Kaufmann (All ages, Family Event)

Want to learn more about Camp Kaufmann? Join us for a special open house event! Families are invited to our Troop 6000 open house to learn more about summer camp opportunities happening this July-August at Camp Kaufmann. Free Transportation (bus) will be leaving at 8:30am from midtown Manhattan or downtown Brooklyn. **Register here:** <https://forms.gle/rSsEopmUdQqZegr7>

Camp Kaufmann (Ages 7-14)

Multiple Weeks from June 30 - August 23

Camp Kaufman is a free sleepaway camp where girls get to make new friends, explore nature, and participate in a variety of fun activities in a safe and nurturing environment. Activities include rock-wall climbing, archery, boating, fishing, and so much more! Girls can choose to stay for one week or multiple weeks. Camp gear and all meals, and snacks are provided free of charge. **Register here:** <https://girlscoutsnyc.campbrainregistration.com> **Online registration walkthrough video here:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

Urban Day Urban Day Camp (Ages 7-10)

July 8 - August 23

Urban Day camp is a day camp with campsites located throughout the five boroughs. This program is just as unique as your girl because every day is different! Girls will participate in outdoor trips, science experiments, team building activities, and community service.

Register here: <https://girlscoutsnyc.campbrainregistration.com/> **Online registration walkthrough video here:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

*So many choices,
so little time*



Register for Urban Day Camp or Camp Kaufmann

Free Day or Sleep-Away Camp!



Summer Opportunities - Trip suggestions for Summer. Leaders coordinate food and transportation.

Girl Scout Day at the Bronx Zoo

Sat, Jun 1, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (FREE)

To register, email Veronica Barnes at vbarnes@wcs.org

Location:



The NY Hall of Science

The NY Hall of Science offers kids a variety of opportunities to learn and explore Science. Enjoy free general admission on Fridays, 2 – 5 PM, and Sundays, 10 – 11 PM. Free hours are suspended during World Maker Faire.

Location: 47-01 111th Street, Corona, Queens, 11368

NYC Parks - Free Summer Programs Available in every borough!

Teen Programs, ongoing

Activities for teens include swimming, sports, art, computer workshops, fitness, dance, trips, and so much more!

Register at
www.nycgovparks.org/programs/recreation/teens

Free Summer Meals Program

Breakfast & Lunch will be offered to all children up to age 19. Go to www.nycgovparks.org/programs/summer-meals for the location nearest you.



Summer Swim Program for Troop 6000

Attention Troop Leaders! Looking for a cool trip idea? How about a swimming lesson?

Contact: Elana Pici, Manager of Private Swim

epici@jccmanhattan.org

Location: Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan, The Samuel Priest Rose Building

Bridging on the Brooklyn Bridge

Saturday, June 22, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM (FREE)

Bridging is the special Girl Scout ceremony in which a girl officially goes from one level to the next. Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles Troop 3815 invites NYC Girl Scout Troops to join them for a special bridging event on the Brooklyn Bridge. Troops are invited to walk over the Brooklyn Bridge with their Girl Scout Sisters and enjoy a variety of fun activities and snacks on the other side.



To register: Email Troop 8815 at sragle@mac.com and “cc” Jess Bartlett at JBartlett@girlscoutsnyc.org

NYC Culture Pass

Ongoing (Ages 13 and up, FREE)

Culture Pass is a program for cardholding patrons 13 and older of Brooklyn Public Library, New York Public Library, and Queens Public Library. Using their library card, New Yorkers can reserve a pass and get free admission to dozens of NYC cultural institutions, including museums, historical societies, heritage centers, public gardens, and more.

For more information visit
www.culturepass.nyc

For more information on how to apply for a library card please contact your local library.



LEADER SHOUT OUT!

Toni Ostini

Why Girl Scouts?

Although I was never a Girl Scout, I was introduced to scouting by my sister who was a Girl Scout up until Junior High school. When her daughter became a Girl Scout, I ended up taking my niece to all of her meetings and became a “Girl Scout Mom.”

How did you become a part of Troop 6000?

I met Giselle through Meridith Maskara. Giselle asked me to volunteer with Troop 6000. I saw some girls were struggling with their homework and offered to volunteer as a tutor. Through their work, I became a troop leader of a Brownie troop in Queens, and am now co-currently a troop leader of Troop 6000 girls in Astoria. Volunteering for Troop 6000 and working with families that were experiencing homelessness was something I had never experienced before. It was a learning curve for me. I became very close to the girls who joined the first troop in Long Island City and I continue to be very invested in Troop 6000.

What's Your Story?

I was raised by a single mom, I had one sibling. My Dad was an alcoholic, and eventually, my Mom packed us up and left my Dad. My Mom wanted to do more with her life and provide a better future for my sister and me. She applied to Law School, got accepted, and we moved to a College Town surrounded by positive female leaders.

What advice do you have for new leaders?

USE RESOURCES WISELY – Go online, research how other troops are doing it, and figure out how to tailor lessons to your groups' specific needs. Also, if you see that there are parents that seem like they want to be involved in Girl Scouting and have the right temperament, reach out to them.

What challenges do you experience as a Troop 6000 leader?

1. **Adapting to multi-age level learning.** Our troops consist of Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes, that are all at different developmental stages and levels of learning. It can be a challenge to create lessons that will engage every age group. When we are working on badges, we create 2 lesson plans, one lesson plan for Daisies and Brownies and one for Juniors and Cadettes. This helps to keep the girls engaged.
2. **Competition for space.** At our site, we are continually competing with the recreational program that takes place at the same time. The noise from this program can sometimes be a distraction for my girls. We now put a blanket over the windows. Girls have less visual distractions this way.



Toni Ostini

Troop 6000 Leader
for 2 years

Girl Scouts Volunteer
for 10 + years

Toni is a stage manager by trade and has worked on Broadway as a Child Wrangler for “Caroline,” as a Merchandise Manager for “Rent,” and as a Stage Manager, for “The Blue Man Group.”

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3. **Fatigue.** There are times when I feel like I am going to burn out and when that happens, I take a day off to recoup (and play video games. My video favorite game is The Lego Hobbit on Wii).
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Pop Quiz, Hot Shot!

As of today, how many shelters is Troop 6000 active in as of today?

- 15
 - 23
 - 17
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